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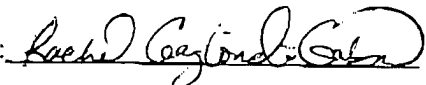
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed 30 October 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 12-15. Please amend claim 26. The amended claim is provided below in clean form. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, the amended claim is also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate changes made (for convenience, all pending claims, including those added hereby, are provided in Appendix A).

26. **(Amended)** The method of claim 1 wherein the step of transferring molecules from the matrix to the laminate comprises forming covalent bonds between at least a portion of the molecules and the linking agents.